

CLAIMS:

1. A method for transacting exchanges of agricultural products, the method
5 comprising:
 setting a first price for a first quantity of a first agricultural product based on an
 average price observed during a period of time and a premium above the average price;
 setting a second price for a second quantity of a second agricultural product based
 on a price determined at a future date, wherein the second price is capped so as to not
10 exceed a maximum price;
 delivering both the first quantity and the second quantity from a seller to a buyer;
 and
 paying the seller a sum based on the first price, the premium, and the second
 price.
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2. The method of claim 1, wherein the first price is a per unit price $X1$, the
premium is a per unit price $Y1$, the second price is a per unit price $X2$, the first quantity is
Q1 units, the second quantity is Q2 units, and the sum paid to the seller is based on $(X1 +$
 $Y1) * Q1 + X2 * Q2$.
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3. The method of claim 1, wherein the seller is an agricultural producer.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the buyer is a reseller of agricultural
products.
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5. The method of claim 1, wherein the agricultural products include grain.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the agricultural products include
livestock.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the agricultural products include animal produce.

5 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the first agricultural product is the same as the second agricultural product.

9. A method for transacting exchanges of agricultural products, the method comprising:

10 setting a first price for a first quantity of a first agricultural product based on an average price observed during a period of time and a discount to the average price;

setting a second price for a second quantity of a second agricultural product based on a price determined at a future date, wherein the second price is floored so as not to drop below a minimum price;

15 delivering both the first quantity and the second quantity from a seller to a buyer; and

paying the seller a sum based on the first price, the discount, and the second price.

20 10. The method of claim 9, wherein the first price is a per unit price $X1$, the discount is a per unit price $Y1$, the second price is a per unit price $X2$, the first quantity is $Q1$ units, the second quantity is $Q2$ units, and the sum paid to the seller is based on $(X1 - Y1) * Q1 + X2 * Q2$.

25 11. The method of claim 9, wherein the seller is an reseller of agricultural products.

12. The method of claim 9, wherein the buyer is a reseller of agricultural products.

13. The method of claim 9, wherein the agricultural products include grain.

14. The method of claim 9, wherein the agricultural products include livestock.

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15. The method of claim 9, wherein the agricultural products include animal produce.

16. The method of claim 9, wherein the first agricultural product is the same
10 as the second agricultural product.

17. A method for transacting exchanges of agricultural products, the method comprising:

15 setting a first price for a first quantity of a first agricultural product based on an average price observed during a period of time and a premium above the average price;
setting a second price for a second quantity of a second agricultural product based on a price determined at a future date, wherein the second price is capped so as not to exceed a maximum price;
delivering at least the first quantity from a seller to a buyer; and
20 paying the seller a sum based at least in part on the first price and the premium.

18. The method of claim 17, further comprising delivering both the first quantity and the second quantity from the seller to the buyer, and paying the seller a sum based on the first quantity, the first price, the second quantity, the second price, and the
25 premium.

19. The method of claim 17, wherein the seller is an agricultural producer.

20. The method of claim 17, wherein the buyer is a reseller of agricultural products.

21. The method of claim 17, wherein the agricultural products include grain.

22. The method of claim 17, wherein the agricultural products include livestock.

23. The method of claim 17, wherein the agricultural products include animal produce.

24. The method of claim 17, wherein the first agricultural product is the same as the second agricultural product.

25. A method for transacting exchanges of agricultural products, the method comprising:

setting a first price for a first quantity of a first agricultural product based on an average price observed during a period of time and a discount above the average price;

setting a second price for a second quantity of a second agricultural product based on a price determined at a future date, wherein the second price is floored so as not to drop below a minimum price;

delivering at least the first quantity from a seller to a buyer; and

paying the seller a sum based at least in part on the first price and the discount.

26. The method of claim 25, further comprising delivering both the first quantity and the second quantity from the seller to the buyer, and paying the seller a sum based on the first quantity, the first price, the second quantity, the second price, and the discount.

27. The method of claim 25, wherein the seller is an agricultural producer.

28. The method of claim 25, wherein the buyer is a reseller of agricultural products.

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29. The method of claim 25, wherein the agricultural products include grain.

30. The method of claim 25, wherein the agricultural products include livestock.

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31. The method of claim 25, wherein the agricultural products include animal produce.

32. The method of claim 25, wherein the first agricultural product is the same as the second agricultural product.

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